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EDITORIALS

BASIC SCIENCE INITIATIVE DEFEATED: A CALAMITY FOR CALIFORNIA CITIZENS

**Basic Science Initiative Was Not Approved
by California Electorate.**—Voters who went to
the polls on November 3rd—through the ballots
they cast—laid the foundation for many surprises.
Not the least of these was the sad fate meted out
to the Basic Science Initiative (Proposition No.
3), for which, in 9,356, out of a total of the
State's 14,494 precincts, votes to the number of
1,002,352 were cast; a total of 385,444 votes hav-
ing been deposited in favor of the Basic Science
Act, with the greater total of 616,908 against it.
In other words, Proposition No. 3, according to
returns available at the time of this writing, went
down to defeat by the massive number of 231,464
votes!*

* * *

How the California Counties Voted.—The
Basic Science Initiative was overwhelmed in
in nearly all sections of the State, the only counties
having a majority of votes in favor of the law that
would have made it mandatory for all healing-art
practitioners to have had preliminary education of
what may be said to be the equivalent of a full
high school course and one year of college work,
being listed below (with the favorable majority
figures in parenthesis): Marin (61); San Benito
(57); San Francisco (16,065); San Mateo (112).

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In Retrospect.—That so desirable an addi-
tion to the statutes as the Basic Science Act
should have been lost, with a majority of prac-
tically 500,000 or more votes cast against it—a
measure that would have made for greater con-
servation of public health through supply of better
trained practitioners of all kinds—is so surprising
that it may be desirable to make further comment.

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State Association's Record Above Reproach.
—In relation to the California Medical Associa-
tion, no apologies are made for sponsoring a law
that would have given to the citizens of Califor-
nia a better healing-art service, with greater pro-
tection of health and life.

It is unfortunate that the drafting of statutes
necessitates the use of legal phraseology that can
be distorted by specious interests. In the recent
campaign, some of the "Political Notices" against

* For a partial compilation of the vote on No. 3, by
counties, see in this issue, on page 335.